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For (Title):

PICTURE LAYOUT PROCESSING APPARATUS, PICTURE LAYOUT PROCESSING

METHOD, AND PROGRAM THEREFOR

By (Inventors):

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\boxtimes	Formal drawings (Figs. 1-9; 7 sheets) are attached.
	Use Figure for front page of Publication.
	A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.
	This application claims benefit of Provisional Application No. filed
	(A Preliminary Amendment is attached to reflect this claim in the Specification if not already present.)
\boxtimes	This patent application is assigned to SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION.
_	The executed Assignment is filed herewith.
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	Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.
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